

TEMORA FARM, HOUSE
372 Swamp Road
Newtown
Bucks County
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Bucks	TOWN OR VICINITY Newtown
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) TEMORA FARM		HABS NO. PA-5601
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 372 Swamp Road		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1750, 1830 & 1929	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Significant for its associations with prominent Newtown families of the 18th & 19th cen. and for its long history as an elegant manor house. Good example of the Bucks County stone farmhouse.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Bucks Co. rural vernacular		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) fieldstone, with frame addition		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) original section- 2-1/2 story, five bays wide and one room deep, second section- 2-1/2 story, three bays wide and one room deep, with attached 1-1/2 story frame section, 3 bays.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE fieldstone walls, balanced facade, nine-over-nine-light sash (9/6 2nd fl). windows with paneled shutters, front doorways with transom, overhanging eaves and returned box cornice		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) elegant stairway in center hall, three-run, open string, open well, with chair-rail mirroring the balustrade, Federal style mantels, built-in rounded arched cabinet in parlor and in dining room (2), built-in cupboards in bedroom		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES original section, 1st floor opened-up to form one large parlor with fireplaces at each end, and other renovations when 2nd section was added ca. 1830. Frame section added ca. 1929.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE good condition, residence		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE First section probably built for David Buckman who recieved the property from his step-father, John Story in 1747, who later willed it to his 1/2 brother, John Story. His son, also David Story, probably is responsible for the 2nd section ca. 1830 (or his son, John).		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Bucks County Conservancy Register of Historic Places, prepared by Jeffery Marshall, April 1985.		
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